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Occupiers make their last stand

Hundreds left prior to yesterday's 5 p.m. eviction mandate With police looking on after deadline comes and goes, many stalwart Occupy members remained {page 02}

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▶ Brianne Murphy, center, and Shawn Grant, right, took part in last night's sit-in at Dilworth Plaza.

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Eagles loss puts Andy on hot seat

Home spanking at hands of Patriots, 38-20, kills almost all playoff hopes Fans yell, 'Fire Andy!' {pages 25-26}

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Future is muddled for Occupy Philly

Those who didn't leave encampment seemed resigned to arrest Many suggestions, no definite answer for what's next in 2-month-old movement

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▶ Remnants of tents marked where Occupy members spent the last 52 days.

Occupy Philly braced itself for possible arrests at its City Hall encampment last night with large numbers gathering in the center of Dilworth Plaza on a day when many members packed up tents and left.

But police seemed uneager to make arrests last night, despite the city's 5 p.m. eviction deadline issued Friday.

A large number of officers flanked the 15th and Market entrance as the number of supporters swelled, including Occupiers from other cities and advocates who are unable to live there full time.

"It's been 30 or 40 years coming," said Roger Ritch, who was visiting his daughter from Boston and supports Occupy's message of Wall Street greed and the widening income gap. "I'm heartened to see people joining together to try and make a statement."

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SHOULD THE PROTESTERS HAVE TO MOVE?

While some looked toward Occupy's future without a permanent location — if police do eventually break it up — others reflected on what brought the movement to this point. Drawing the most ire was a breakaway group's acceptance of the city's strict Thomas Paine Plaza permit without the sanction of the general assembly.

Another intermittent occupier who asked to be identified only as Tommy D said that infighting was a result of indecision within Occupy Philly itself. "It turned from a cause to no cause," he said, claiming that facilitators, who are closest to those in a position of power, doled out funds in a way that favored certain working groups and used Occupy money to buy cases of beer and takeout. "These people are not serious. The same things a lot of facilitators are protesting, they're doing."

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'Just keeping the peace'

There was a significant increase in uniformed police yesterday following the city's so-called 5 p.m. deadline, but most were there more in a peacekeeping role than to forcibly remove boisterous protesters.

Several top police officials were seen walking the perimeter and observing the activity in the middle of Dilworth Plaza. Chief Inspector Joe Sullivan said the heavy presence of uniformed and Civil Affairs officers were there "just to keep the peace. Everyone up on the plaza is peaceful right now, so they're fine."

Sullivan said police would not allow protesters to move their encampment to the plaza outside the Municipal Services Building across the street, but there did not appear to be any movement in that direction last night.

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"You can be there for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. ... Anybody that says they're with Occupy Philly can be over there and do their First Amendment free speech thing."
MAYOR NUTTER'S SPOKESMAN MARK MCDONALD

"We will come back, maybe not to this space, but we will be back rejuvenated and strong."
DIANE ACKERMAN, OF OCCUPY'S LEGAL WORKING GROUP

What we saw

The end of Occupy Philly's stingy encampment seemed inevitable yesterday. Here's some of Metro's observations from Day 52:

- Longtime Occupier Kevin Heaney and others built a wooden structure to make it more difficult for police to dismantle the camp, reinforcing the planks with screws and attaching it to the pavement. "I want to reinforce it so much and watch them struggle to tear it apart," he said. "Let them waste tax dollars to remove it."
- Suggestions for a future without a permanent camp, if police do eventually break it up, included moving the occupation into a permanent space and acting as a legitimate activist group, reforming in another location — Rittenhouse Square was a favorite — or dispersing to occupy vacant and foreclosed homes.
- Throughout the afternoon, a somber crawl of Occupiers could be seen taking tents to city sanitation trucks.

In the news

Student back from Egypt arrest

Drexel University student Greg Porter, arrested in Egypt last week with two other exchange students during riots in Cairo, returned home this weekend. He spoke briefly with media after arriving at Philadelphia International Airport, but not about his arrest.

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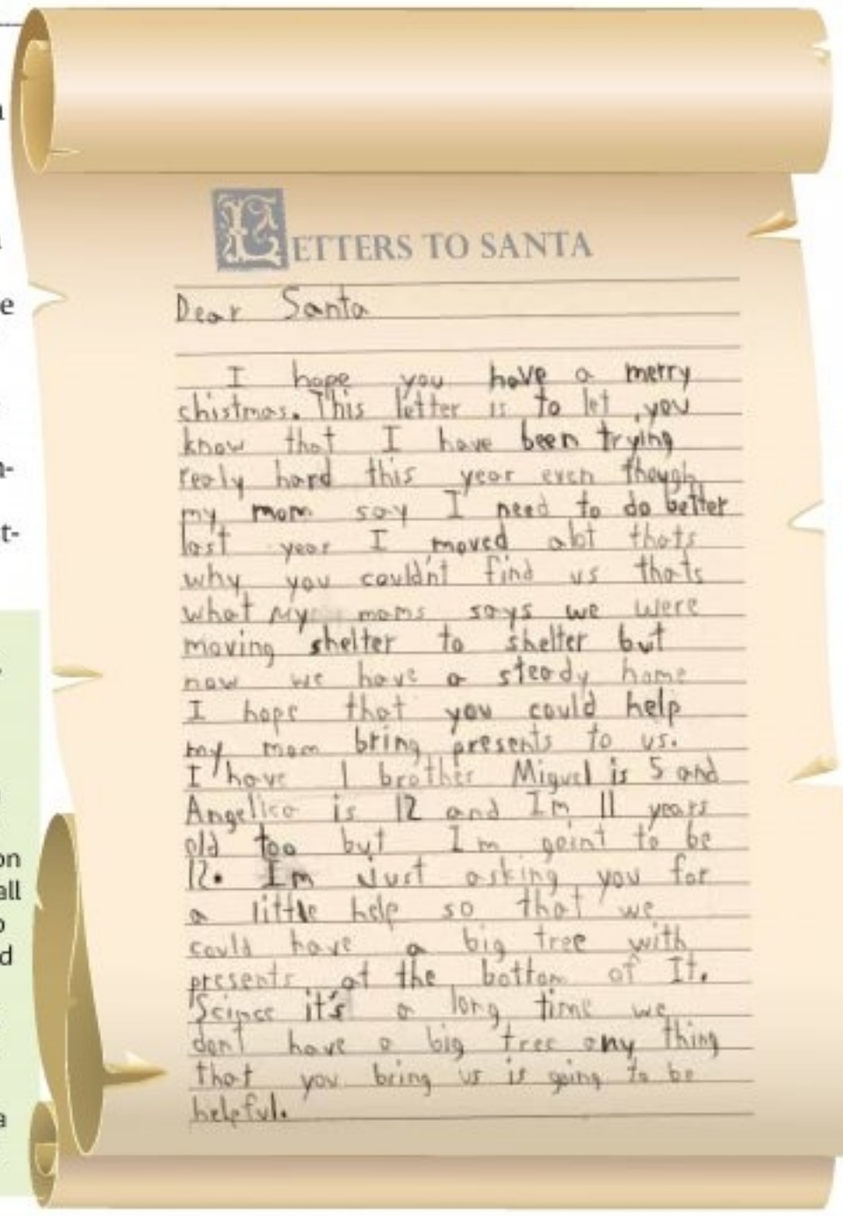
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News in brief

Boyfriend run over, killed

POINT BREEZE. A lover's quarrel ended in death for a 28-year-old man after his girlfriend struck him with a car, police said.

The incident happened near Morris and Ringgold streets around 1:50 a.m. The woman reportedly told police the two were arguing when the man got out of the driver's seat and she got behind the wheel and rammed into him, pinning him against the wall. Neither the woman nor the victim were identified.

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Man shot at bowling alley

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. A 21-year-old man is in critical condition after a shooting early Sunday at the PEP Bowling Alley on South Broad Street.

Police said the incident happened around 12:30 a.m. when a group of men tried to enter a private party and a fight ensued. Two men allegedly pulled out handguns and fired shots into the party.

Three people were arrested, but their names have not been released.

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Murders in Philadelphia through yesterday after two people were killed and two others injured during four separate weekend shootings. On Friday night, a 22-year-old man was gunned down near Mutter and West Westmoreland streets. Early Saturday, a 36-year-old man was fatally wounded on North 50th Street near Brown.

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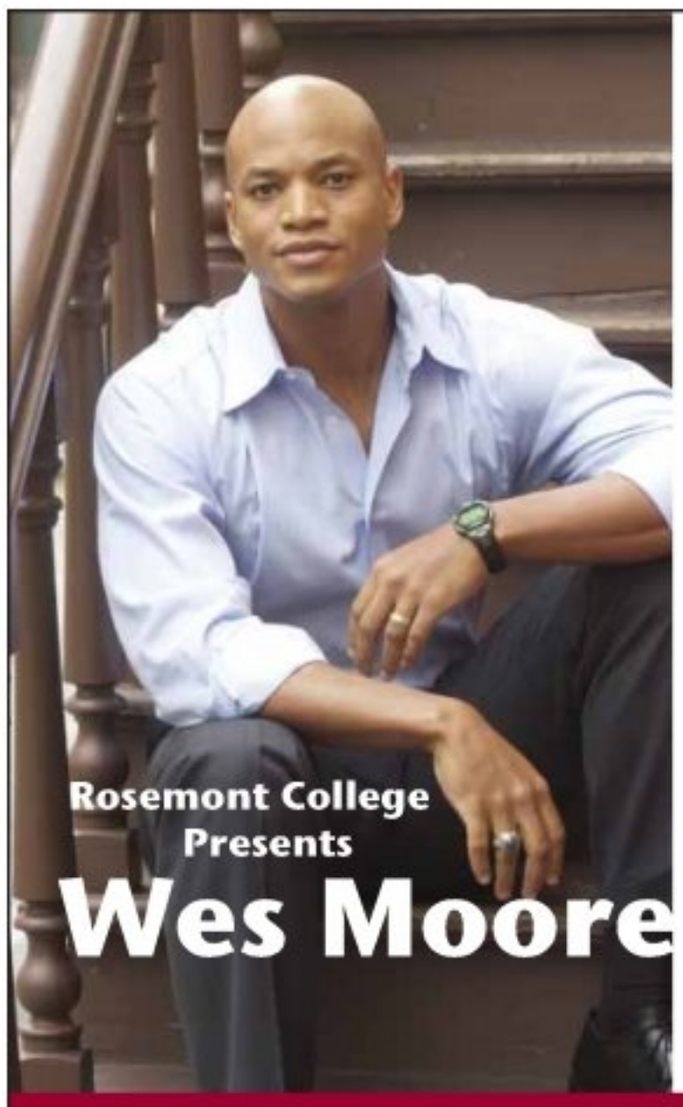

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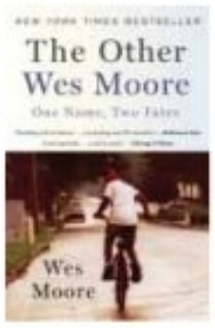

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Pakistan enraged over NATO attack

- Differing reports on cause of the deadly incident
- Could undermine efforts to improve US-Pakistan ties

Fury spread in Pakistan yesterday regarding a NATO cross-border air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and could undermine the U.S. effort to wind up the war in Afghanistan.

Last night in Pakistan, more than 40 hours after the incident, many questions remained.

NATO described the killings as a "tragic unintended incident" and said an investigation was under way. A Western official and an Afghan security official who requested anonymity said NATO troops were responding to fire from across the border.

NATO protest

Thousands gathered outside the American consulate in the city of Karachi yesterday to protest the attack. A Reuters reporter at the scene said the angry crowd shouted "Down with America."

It's possible both explanations are correct: that a retaliatory attack by NATO troops took a tragic, mistaken turn in harsh terrain where identifying friend and foe can be difficult.

Militants often attack from Pakistani soil or flee after combat across a porous border that NATO-led troops, under their United Nations mandate, cannot cross.

What is clear is the incident could undermine U.S. efforts to improve ties with Pakistan so that the regional power helps stabilize Afghanistan before NATO combat troops go home by the end of 2014. REUTERS

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Protest. Time's up

▶ Men remain camped out in front of a graffiti-strewn wall at the Occupy LA site.

Occupy LA faces eviction deadline

Hundreds of anti-Wall Street protesters who have camped outside Los Angeles City Hall for weeks faced a midnight eviction deadline with plans to throw a party they hoped might forestall a raid. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said on Friday that the Occupy LA protesters would be given until 12:01 a.m. today to dismantle their tents, pack up their belongings and clear out — or face forcible removal. REUTERS

Influential newspaper backs Newt

WASHINGTON. New Hampshire's largest newspaper endorsed Newt Gingrich in the Republican presidential race yesterday, giving the former House speaker a boost in a state where Mitt Romney has been expected to excel.

The endorsement validates Gingrich's recent rise as a candidate — months after many political pundits thought his campaign was as good as over following a series of missteps — and is a blow to Romney's aspirations. REUTERS

GOP to rework budget cuts

WASHINGTON. Republicans will try to spare defense programs by reconfiguring the $1.2 trillion in spending cuts that are to be triggered in 2013 by the collapse of a congressional deficit-cutting committee, a GOP senator said yesterday. REUTERS

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US shoppers enthusiastic for gift deals

More people headed to stores and websites during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, and average spending per person rose 9.1 percent as bargain-hunting shoppers scooped up discounts on everything from gadgets to hoodies, a National Retail Federation survey yesterday showed.

The trade group's survey found that a record 226 million shoppers visited stores and websites over "Black Friday" weekend, up from 212 million last year.

It defines the Black Friday weekend as Thursday, Friday, Saturday and projected spending for Sunday.

According to its survey, the destination of choice appeared to be department stores, with nearly half of holiday shoppers visiting at least one.

About 38 percent of shoppers said they went to discount retailers. REUTERS

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Total spending reached an estimated $52.4 billion versus $45 billion in the year-ago period.

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The average spending for the weekend rose to $398.62 per person from $365.34 a year ago.

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▶ People crowd the Macy's aisles after the midnight opening to begin the Black Friday shopping weekend this past Friday.

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR
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Jennifer Lopez received a rash of nominations this weekend as Metro's Woman of the Year, as did Kate Middleton. But the nomination we enjoyed most came from Nelson Jimenez, of Stamford, Conn., who nominated Kim Kardashian "for pulling the wool over her fans' eyes with multiple TV shows, product endorsements and a FAKE marriage — all for publicity and high ratings."

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10 Tips to avoid scams on Cyber Monday

Vice president of Check Point's Consumer Business ZoneAlarm, Bari Abdul, breaks down the easiest ways you can avoid fraudulent online offers and hoaxes

It seems that the holiday shopping season comes earlier and earlier each year. Luckily, in the digital age, you can ditch the long lines of Black Friday and join the Cyber Monday crew by doing all your shopping online. However, cybercriminals exploit the holiday season and target Internet users through a variety of methods, including online shopping scams, fraudulent e-mails, e-card and phishing schemes and more. Follow these 10 tips to protect yourself while shopping online.

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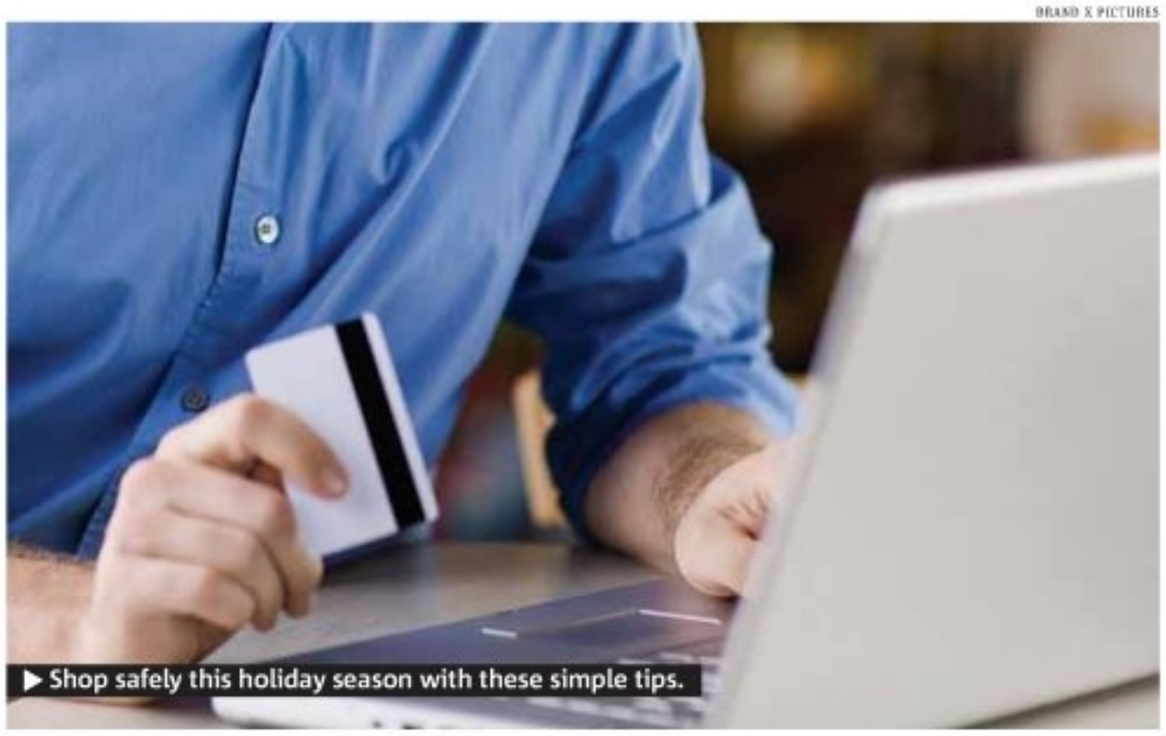

▶ Shop safely this holiday season with these simple tips.

1 Install, update and activate your security software
At a minimum, use a firewall and antivirus software to protect you from malware that gives cybercriminals easy entrance into your computer and accounts. There are many free options. If you only use antivirus, be sure to add a two-way firewall to block hackers from entering your computer and using it to send out attacks and spam.

2 Use strong, unique passwords
Always create strong passwords for all online accounts and include letters, numbers and symbols. Longer passwords are more secure and harder to crack. Hackers employ special password-cracking software to guess their way into your accounts. Avoid using the same password for every account — it makes it easier for hackers.

3 Only connect to legitimate Wi-Fi networks
Before you connect to a network and start shopping online, verify that the Wi-Fi network name (SSID) you are connecting to is from a legitimate service.

4 Make sure it's the real site
Scammers often target users through phishing on e-mail and social media. These messages include a link or pop-up that encourages you to click on it for "special deals" or to verify information from a seller or courier, such as FedEx and UPS. The site may look similar to a real site, such as Amazon, but is actually a trap meant to steal your login or financial information.

5 Only shop from secure sites
When paying online, verify that you are on an SSL secured site — the Web address will start with https:// and have a little padlock icon next to it. Websites that are SSL-secured will encrypt sensitive information such as credit card numbers during the transaction. You can also click on the padlock icon to verify the identity of the certificate owner.

6 Look for third-party seals of approval
If you see a Better Business Bureau or TRUSTe symbol, it means the site must adhere to certain standards regarding business practices and personal information.

7 Beware of deals that are too good to be true
The holiday season means some goods and gift cards are hot properties on the market, and cybercriminals will exploit consumers trying to get their hands on them. Stick to legitimate retailers and avoid these types of gimmicks.

8 Use a dummy e-mail account
Many sites require accounts/e-mail logins to use. If you set up an additional e-mail account to be used only for marketing, newsletters or online shopping, your personal correspondence and information won't be at risk (and you won't get as much unwanted spam).

9 Use a credit card
Shopping with a debit card online puts your checking and savings account at risk if the information is stolen. Credit cards offer protections that debit cards don't, and you can dispute charges if needed.

10 Read privacy agreements
If you don't want to increase the chances of your information being accessed online, keep an eye out for websites that sell your information to third parties. Carefully review all privacy agreements and decide for yourself whether you're willing to click "Agree."

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Expert tip

If you do encounter fraud, contact the Federal Trade Commission and submit a complaint form on the FTC website.

The bottom line

The holiday shopping season means more security threats. If you follow these tips, take the proper precautions and trust your gut, you will greatly decrease your chances of being scammed by hackers.

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News in brief

Retailers adapting to mobile holiday shopping boom

When it comes to holiday shopping, more people are phoning it in, forcing retailers to embrace new ways to connect or else lose sales.

Lowe's Companies, Best Buy and Toys R Us are among retailers making big changes to prepare for a wave of holiday shoppers who will use smartphones to research products, check rivals' prices and make purchases.

"The shopping experience is in the consumer's hands and you can't fight where they're going," says Gihad Jawhar, vice president of Lowes.com. "Retailers can either hop on the bus or get left behind."

Lowe's is issuing more than 42,000 Apple iPhones to employees in more than 1,700 stores. When shoppers are in Lowe's stores scanning bar codes with their phones, checking prices, employees can engage them better using iPhones to track down similar information. Staff can also check if products are in stock or available on Lowes.com or another store nearby, and can often match or beat a price a consumer finds elsewhere via a smartphone.

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▶ In order to compete, retailers are now researching prices via smartphones just as much as consumers.

More than 40 percent of retailers this year have a policy of at least competing with lower online prices found through mobile comparisons. Ahead of last year's holiday season, most retailers were still in denial about this trend, according to research firm RSR.

The mobile shopping boom is putting billions of dollars in sales up for grabs in an industry that is being pummeled by lackluster economic growth. U.S. retail e-commerce holiday sales will rise 17 percent to $46.7 billion in 2011, while total retail sales will grow about 3 percent this season, eMarketer forecast last week. But mobile commerce is growing even faster.

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Let TheFind.com do all the legwork this holiday season Shopping search engine brings 'all of the stores to one place' Just browsing? There's an app for that

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Your holiday shopping mission: Find the ski jacket your girlfriend has been coveting in her very popular, usually-sells-out size and in the color she likes — and by the way, it's from last season. Luckily, you have a magic wand in the form of TheFind.com at your disposal.

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Now you can go ahead and buy those matching ski pants for your girlfriend, too.

Digital browsing

The search capabilities of TheFind are optimal when you know exactly what you're looking for. But shoppers who are "just browsing" can take advantage of the site's technology, too, with Catalogue.

▶ An app for the iPad and Android tablet devices, Catalogue brings together more than 150 popular catalogs (including J.Crew, Saks, Crate & Barrel, Sephora and more) for electronic wish list-making.

▶ The Catalogue app is available on iPad and Android tablet devices.

THEFIND.COM

▶ Kumar says that with this app: "[TheFind] doesn't assume you know what you want. Say you are looking for new jewelry — there are a lot of jewelry catalogs, and now you can look through them like you would at home — when you need them." All minus the coffee-table clutter.

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Price-comparison technology in the palm of your hand

With its bar-code scan technology, the Shopping by The Find app (for iPhone and Android) allows users to check prices online as well as while shopping in stores. Want to find a better price, specs or review of that Blu-ray player? Scan the bar code, and the app delivers. "People really use their phone as a shopping companion right inside the store," says Kumar. The app also features maps (in case that cheaper price tag is just a few blocks away) and alerts for coupons and shipping deals.

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FOR MORE WAYS TO SAVE ONLINE THIS HOLIDAY

Butter them up with scotch

DOROTHY ROBINSON AND T. MICHELLE MURPHY

▶ **1: The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 Years Old ($50).** The Macallan Sherry Oak 12 Years Old, now available in six specially designed packages featuring X-ray photography by Nick Veasey, looks more luxe than its price tag suggests. The images — house, feather, scissors, drop, still and cask — depict the six pillars that make up the Macallan brand.

▶ **2: Highland Park 18 Years Old ($105)** First released in 1997, this Highland Park was named "Best Spirit in the World" by F. Paul Pacult in 2005. With a smoky, oaky bouquet and aftertaste, the notes include sweet and nutty toffee and almond. Save this one for your swankiest celebratory soiree – or just a quiet night by a fireplace among your most respected peers.

Variety

▶ **The Macallan Fine Oak (prices vary)**
The Macallan's Fine Oak single-malt range is triple-cask matured in European and American oak with flavor profiles to suit every palate. It's recommended as a pre-dinner drink with lime and soda on the rocks or neat when enjoyed tableside.

▶ **3: The Glenrothes Editor's Cask ($375)** There are only 130 bottles of this limited-edition vintage available in the U.S. this winter (if you have a boss who's hard to impress, this will do the trick). Check out that color — when the Editor's Cask was distilled in 1996, it was stored in a Spanish oak hogshead cask, lending it that almost chocolate hue.

▶ **4: The Glenrothes 1995 ($82)**
This delicious scotch was the first cask the distillery laid down in 1995 for what would become their vintage series. It has an almost sweet flavor with notes of butterscotch.

▶ **5: Glen Garioch Vintage 1994 ($109.99)** From one of the oldest operating distilleries in all of Scotland comes their 1994 Vintage, which has matured in North American oak, ex-bourbon casks for 17 years. Only 3,000 bottles of this single malt small batch will reach the U.S. this holiday season, so sip and savor.

Cyber Monday sales listings

Where to click and save on Nov. 28

chicBuds
15 percent off with code METRO15 through Dec. 31.
www.chicbuds.com
Metro pick: chicBuds Fauvette Speaker, $34.99 **(1)**

AT&T
Devices will be on sale for as low as 1 cent Black Friday through Cyber Monday.
www.att.com

Fred Flare
99 amazing gift items for less than $9.99.
www.fredflare.com
Metro pick: Candy Cane Shot Glass, $4.50 **(2)**

JCPenney
Special deals will be paired with free shipping on orders of $25 or more, Nov. 27-29.
www.jcpenney.com

REI
Save up to 30 percent on select winter gear, outerwear, clothing and boots. Free shipping on orders of $50 or more.
www.rei.com
Metro pick: Women's REI Lumen +25 Sleeping Bag , $149 **(3)**

SerendipiTea
25 percent off retail orders of $15 or more. Use promo code: CYBER MONDAY SAVINGS.
www.serendipitea.com

Get Maine Lobster
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www.getmainelobster.com

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www.shopadidas.com

LOFT
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www.loft.com

L.L. Bean
10 percent off purchase (15 percent off with L.L. Bean Visa); free shipping (to the U.S. and Canada), no minimum purchase; free $10 gift card with $50 purchases through Dec. 24. **www.llbean.com**
Metro pick: Men's Maine Guide Shirt, Plaid, $139 **(4)**

Icebreaker
Check out the Icebreaker Touch-Lab SoHo page for updated info on deals: **www.facebook.com/pages/Icebreaker-Touch Lab-SoHo/166457053420337**
Metro pick: Women's Cascade Full Zip RealFleece Mid Layer, $180 **(5)**

Banana Republic
Nov. 26-28, save up to 40 percent off select styles.
www.bananarepublic.com

Endless
On Nov. 27-28, discounts include $30 off $100 orders, $60 off $200 orders and $100 off $300 orders.
www.endless.com

StocknGo.com
25 percent off of purchases $25 or more with code CYBER25.
www.stockngo.com

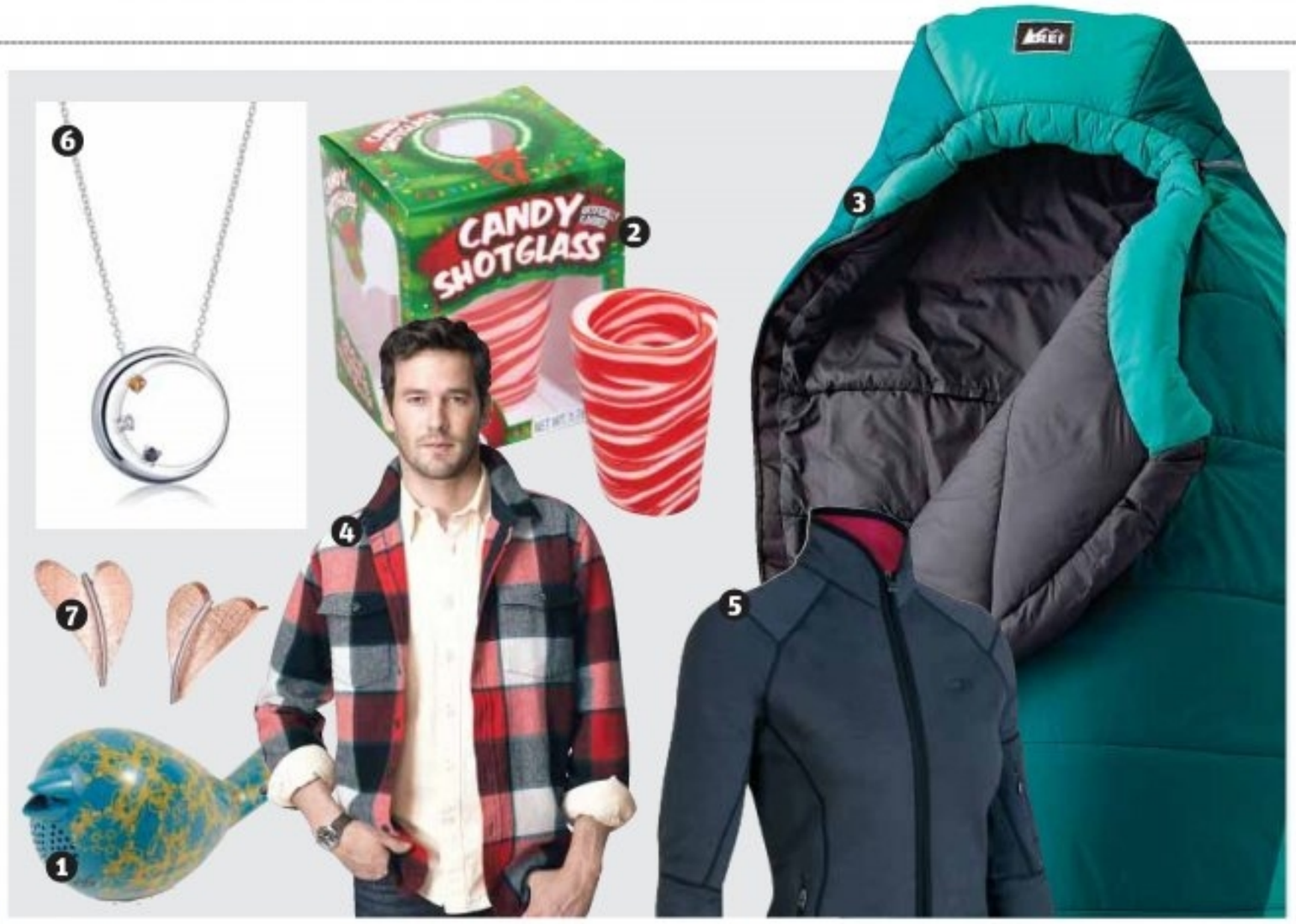
Space NK
Spend $150 online and enter code THANKS150 to receive a complimentary deluxe gift featuring an assortment of 10 beauty must-haves (while supplies last). **www.spacenk.com**

Luna and Stella
10 percent off purchases of $100 or more (12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.). Use code METROUS11.
www.lunaandstella.com
Metro pick: Moon & Stars Birthstone Necklace, prices start at $150 plus stones **(6)**

Jewelista.com
Free shipping and 20 percent off everything (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). **www.jewelista.com**
Metro pick: Rose Gold PVD Steel Heart Stud Earrings, $139 **(7)**

Send the Trend
$15 jewelry and accessories.
www.sendthetrend.com

Swarovski Crystallized
The entire site will be 20 percent off. **www.swarovski-crystallized.com**



Amazon Cyber Monday deals

Here's a sample of what you can expect to find on Amazon.com:

- Bodum Bistro Electric Handheld Immersion Stick Blender, Orange: $49.99 (save $50)
- Tiny Love Move & Play Gymini: $50 (save $24)
- Freshwater Cultured Pearl Button Stud Earrings, Set of 3: $16.99 (save $63)
- Save up to 60 percent off sweaters and fleece for women, men, kids and baby
- Save over 50 percent on select Hasbro games
- "Thriller" by Michael Jackson (MP3 Download): $4.99

Stay on top of the savings

Major retailers like Amazon, Wal-Mart, BestBuy, Target and Kohls are expected to continuously update their Cyber Monday deals throughout the day, so keep checking back. For one-stop sites providing up-to-the-minute info on Cyber Monday sales across the Web, check out these helpful links.

- www.cybermonday.com
- www.promocodes2011.com
- www.dealio.com/cyber-monday.html

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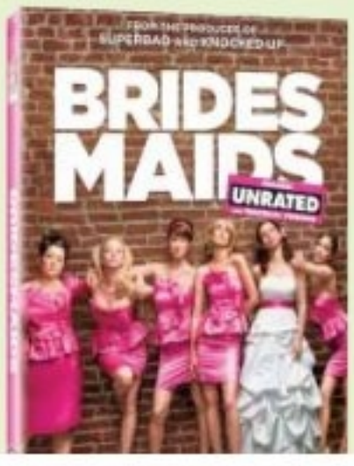
Movie magic

Deck the halls with DVDs

On of the best perks of shopping Cyber Monday is retailers' reactions to consumer demand — and competitors' price cuts. DVD titles are always prime candidates for price-slashing. And while we can't guarantee the titles on our list of gift picks will end up in your favorite website's 99-cent Cyber Monday bin, it is a good bet that you won't find them on sale cheaper than you will Nov. 28.

'Bridesmaids' [DVD with bonus features]
A hilarious, honest celebration of the friendships of women — unrated.
List price: $29.98



'ESPN Films: 30 for 30 Limited Edition Collector Set' [DVD]
Some of the greatest and most controversial moments in sports history are revisited through the lens of filmmakers including Albert Maysles, Barry Levinson, John Singleton and Peter Berg. The 12-disc set features all 30 films from the series.
List price: $149.95

'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2' [Three-disc Blu-ray/DVD combo]
The saga of the magical boy wizard who inspired the imagination of kids of all ages comes to an end.
List price: $35.99

'Ken Burns' Prohibition' [Blu-ray]
Here's a toast to documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, who uses well-documented history and lesser-known stories to shed light on an important moment in America's past — the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
List price: $44.99

'Looney Tunes Platinum Collection: Volume One' [Blu-ray]
Bugs and the gang get a high-definition upgrade in this set that includes 50 beloved "Looney Tunes" titles.
List price: $59.96

'Modern Family: The Complete Second Season' [DVD]
Here's one extended family you won't mind seeing over the holidays.
List price: $49.98

'The Original Christmas Classics' [Blu-ray]
Santa Claus, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman — the classic Rankin/Bass Christmas TV specials are bundled together and now available on Blu-ray.
List price: $44.95

'Thor' [Two-Disc Blu-ray/DVD Combo + Digital Copy]
Chris Hemsworth is the mighty god of thunder who is brought to his knees when he disobeys his father and is banished to Earth. **List price:** $44.99

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Miley Cyrus: Party in the USA, indeed

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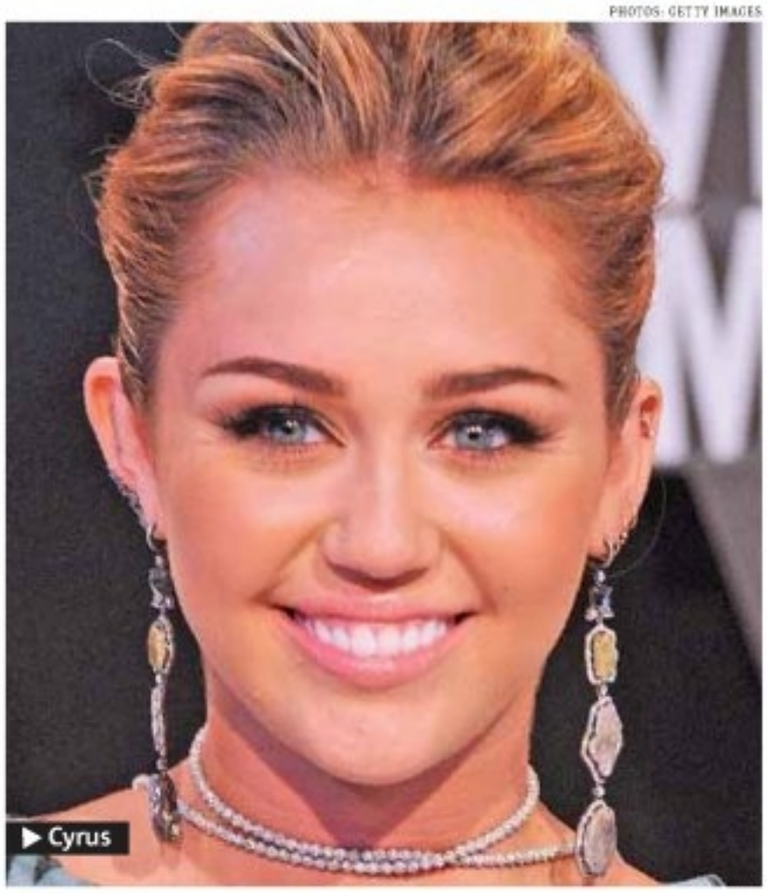

▶ Cyrus

It looks like **Miley Cyrus** has yet another alter ego: Let's call this one Hannah Bong-tana, shall we?

When she was presented with a **Bob Marley**-shaped cake at her 19th birthday party at the Roosevelt Hotel in L.A. last week, Cyrus quipped, "You know you're a stoner when friends make you a Bob Marley cake — you know you smoke way too much f—in' weed." (The Daily has the video evidence.)

"I thought salvia was your problem, man," retorted guest **Kelly Osbourne**.

The Daily also reports that guests on hand for the party included Cyrus' parents, **Rumer Willis**, and "furries and a number of dwarfs, including a mini **Nicki Minaj**."

I'd make a joke but one, Osbourne already did it for me, and, two, a mini Nicki Minaj? I have much too much respect for how Cyrus throws a party to poke fun.

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Is Gerard Butler morphing into Bradley Cooper?

▶ Butler

Check out this picture of **Gerard Butler** taken last month during Confidential Magazine's Men's Issue Cover Party in West Hollywood, Calif. Doesn't it look like a snapshot of **Bradley Cooper** taken after a rough night? Something is going on there. Is it his hair? The weird beard color? A brow lift? I can't quite put my finger on it, but it looks like someone in Hollywood is a little jealous of someone else being named People's Sexiest Man Alive.

A traditional turkey day for Lopez

Jennifer Lopez opted to spend the Thanksgiving holiday escaping to Hawaii with **Casper Smart**, the 24-year-old dancer she's reportedly been dating, according to TMZ. Smart also got the chance to meet several of Lopez's family members during the trip — and spend quality time with her 3-year-old twins, **Max** and **Emme**. "Casper was great with the kids. He was twirling them around and doing flips with Emme and she seemed very comfortable with him," a source says. "Jennifer got a chance to sit back and relax while Casper took over and played."

Talking points

Allen is a mama!

Lily Allen and **Sam Cooper** welcomed their first child, a daughter, during the weekend, according to the Daily Mail. While not quite an official birth announcement, Allen did reference the arrival on Twitter, posting simply, "Totes amaze." It's a particularly special occasion for Allen and Cooper, as Allen has suffered miscarriages twice in the past three years. There was no announcement yet about the baby girl's name.

▶ Gosling

Gosling takes Mendes to graveyard

Ryan Gosling knows how to turn on the romance. The actor reportedly surprised girlfriend **Eva Mendes** this weekend in Paris, where she'd just finished filming a movie, according to Us Weekly. "Ryan flew out to be with Eva as soon as she wrapped 'Holly Motors,'" a source says. "They were talking all the time so she had no hints that he was coming. She was really homesick and missed him, even though she practically just left to shoot." The pair were spotted around Paris all weekend, walking arm-in-arm and sharing kisses as they strolled through Pere Lachaise cemetery.

A near-miss for Aniston

Brad Pitt and **Jennifer Aniston** narrowly avoided running into each other at a movie theater in Los Angeles over the weekend, according to X17 Online. Pitt was there with four of his six children to take in **Martin Scorsese**'s "Hugo," while Aniston arrived for a later show with new beau Justin Theroux. "Justin and Jennifer skipped the popcorn and went straight in. Like five minutes later, Brad and the kids came out of the theater," a source says. "They just missed each other." It's only the third time the former spouses have been at the same place at the same time, following the 2009 Academy Awards and the 2010 Hope for Haiti telethon — and they managed to avoid any face time on those occasions as well.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Bette Midler is trying to keep up, Russell Crowe is working things out, Goldie Hawn wants to make sure you're doing it right and Albert Brooks is feeling inspired.

▶ **@BetteMidler**
Is it my imagination, or is everyone talking much faster than they used to on CNN?

▶ **@russellcrowe**
3 hour walk and talk with a great friend. Most of the world's problems solved. I hope you all have a spectacular day.

▶ **@goldiehawn**
Don't forget to smile when you breathe. Makes all the difference

▶ **@AlbertBrooks**
Working on "It's a Wonderful Tweet" A man is shown how the world would be different if he were never on Twitter.

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These concerts were no turkeys

▶ **1:** Robert Smith and his bandmates of the Cure performed the group's first three studio albums at the Beacon Theatre in New York City on Saturday.
▶ **2:** Axl Rose of Guns N' Roses performed at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J. on Saturday.
▶ **3:** Mark Foster of Foster the People took his act to London at Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday.
▶ **4:** Singer George Clinton got funky in Berlin, Germany on Thursday.
▶ **5:** Jill Scott donned a pair of shades for her concert at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, N.J. on Friday.
▶ **6:** Ed MacFarlane of Friendly Fires showed off his moves at the Brixton Academy in London on Thursday .
▶ **7:** Mary J. Blige performed at Terminal 5 in New York City on Wednesday.

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Borat meets Scorsese

As the actor emerges from a two-year hiatus, he talks his latest project with the legendary director

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▶ Sacha Baron Cohen is the station inspector intent on locking up orphans in "Hugo."

Since the release of his 2009 film, "Bruno," comic actor and writer Sacha Baron Cohen has largely stayed out of the spotlight. But two years of hermitage draw to a close as Baron Cohen promotes "Hugo," the new Martin Scorsese 3-D film about young tinkerer Hugo Cabret who meets legendary filmmaker Georges Méliès in 1930s France. Baron Cohen plays the station inspector who is onto the orphaned boy, who makes his home in the clock towers of the rail station. Baron Cohen recently spoke on working with legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese for the film and his own creative contributions to the process.

We're used to seeing your irreverent and subversive side, so what was this different direction like for you to play an authority figure and a sexually inhibited person?
Who said I was inhibited in this? I have a bath with a dog [in the film]. What happened beneath the bubbles is our business. There is a bit of romance between myself and Emily [Mortimer's] character, which is actually the first romantic plot I've had that's not been with a black prostitute or a man. So, that was a little bit different. As for playing an authority figure, he's a bumbling authority figure and he's dark but he does have some beauty and softness underneath him. A bit like my other characters, he's a mix of things. Does that answer it? We can talk more about the bath if you want.

Did you consider your character's backstory?
Yes. Certainly, when I approached the character of the station inspector, I wanted to know, "why was he so obsessed with chasing children and was he actually a classic villain or was there reason for his malice?" We started to think perhaps he was a World War I veteran and maybe he was injured, so that's where we got the idea of the leg brace. Originally, it was a false leg. It was going to be the first chase and then I was going to turn a corner and then my leg was going to fly off into camera in 3-D ... [But] we kind of realized that maybe he himself was an orphan and was put away to the work house and that's the only structure he knew. That's what he's trying to impose on these young children.

Where did you find the magic in this film?
It felt like it was the logical extension of filmmaking, that if Méliès was alive, that he definitely would've been using 3-D. That was the interesting thing because of the whole debate in cinema at the moment, whether 3-D is a gimmick or not. Scorsese really showed that it was a logical development of the filmmaking process.

Q&A

How was working with Martin Scorsese?

▶ He's totally collaborative, which I was surprised about because I expected him to be some incredible auteur — which he is — but part of his power and part of the reason why his films are that successful and that enduring is the fact that he's ready to collaborate fully with all of his actors. Any idea that I came up with, he was ready to listen to. Surprisingly, because I came up with some really absurd ideas, he was ready to try them out, which was worrying for the producer and the financiers of the movie but for me, it was great.

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TV watch list

'Pawn Stars'

REALITY. The Vegas pawn brokers are back, helping money-hungry customers receive appraisals on cool treasures — like a pair of Civil War diaries on tonight's premiere — and then buying said treasures for way less than they're worth. (That Rick Harrison drives a hard bargain.) **Season premiere, 10 p.m., History Channel**

'Scouted'

REALITY. Pretty people aspire to be America's next top model, sans Tyra Banks showing them the way.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., E!

'The Sing-Off'

REALITY. Christmas comes early for one singing group tonight when the finalists — Dartmouth Aires, Pentatonix, Urban Method — learn who walks away with that recording deal and $200,000 cash prize.
Season finale, 8 p.m., NBC

HISTORY CHANNEL

▶ From left: Big Hoss, Rick and the Old Man want your stuff on "Pawn Stars."

'Rizzoli & Isles'

DRAMA. When a community activist is gunned down, guest star Bill O'Reilly — in town for a book signing — weighs in on the case. **Midseason premiere, 10 p.m., TNT**

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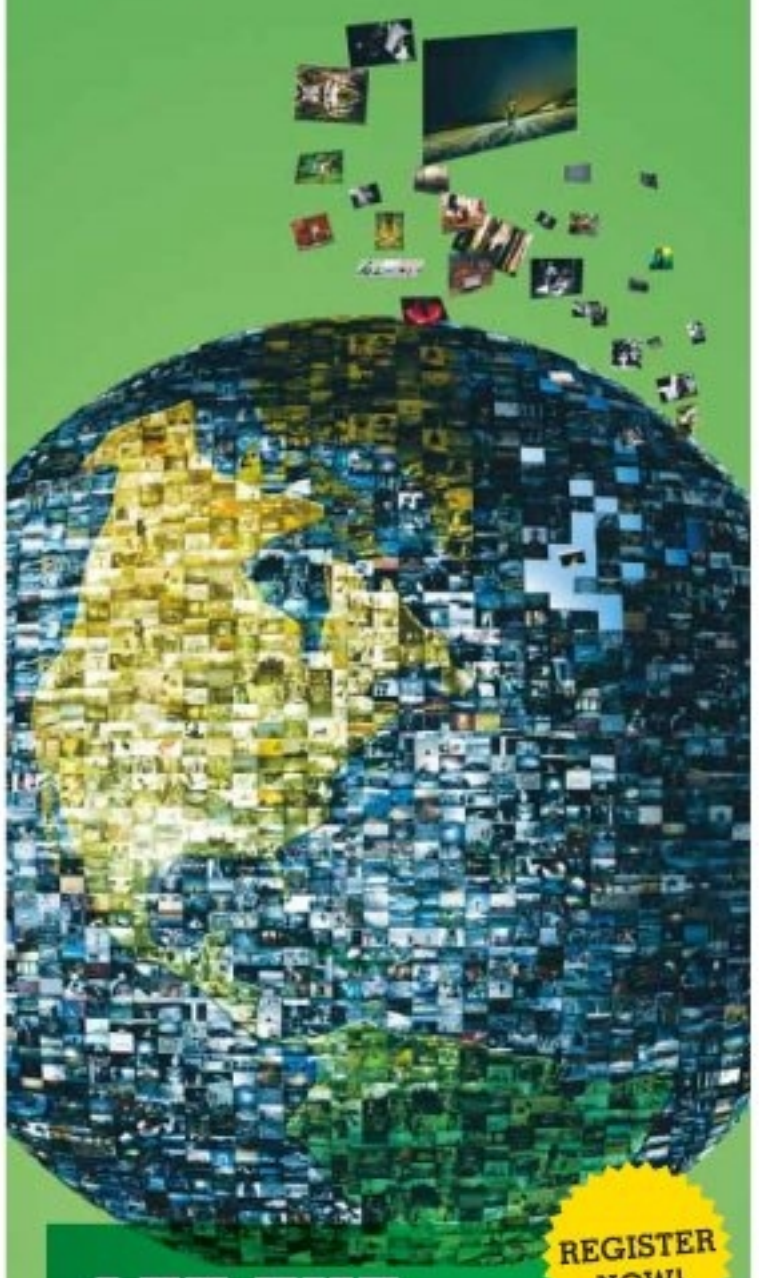

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▶ Bella and Edward charmed the pants off American audiences this weekend.

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'Twilight' sparkles for second week in a row at the box office

Box office

The "Twilight" vampire movie hovered at the top of box office charts for a second straight week, beating a revival of "The Muppets" and other family fare during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1" earned an estimated $42 million at U.S. and Canadian theaters from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters.

"The Muppets," a movie that returns Kermit, Miss Piggy and their friends to the big screen for the first time in 12 years, finished in second place with $29.5 million in three days.

Third place for the weekend belonged to 3-D animated film "Happy Feet Two," which brought in $13.4 million.

Walt Disney Co. released "The Muppets." Privately held Summit Entertainment distributed "Breaking Dawn: Part 1." "Happy Feet Two" was distributed by Time Warner Inc. unit Warner Bros. REUTERS

Box office flops

As a result of the poor box-office performance of "Happy Feet Two," 600 of the 700 employees at the digital production studio behind the animated movie reportedly have received their walking papers.

▶ Employees at Dr. D Studios, which is based in Sydney, Australia, have been told they will be laid off in the coming weeks, according to IF.com.au. There may be a silver lining for some of the employees, who reportedly have been offered a job at a new company that Kennedy-Miller Mitchell Films plans to get off the ground in early 2012.

Waldorf, left, and Statler strike a pose.

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Statler and Waldorf, the crotchety Muppet critics, review their latest movie 'I closed my eyes. That's why I liked it so much'

The return of the Muppets wouldn't be complete without their constant critics, those perpetual balcony fixtures Statler and Waldorf, who've been hurling insults at Kermit the Frog and his gang since the beginning. The venerable old codgers weren't doing a lot of press for "The Muppets," but they did agree to speak with Metro. That doesn't mean we could get a straight answer out of them, though.

Have you seen the new movie "The Muppets" yet? And if so, what do you think of it?

Statler: I loved the movie. Amy Adams is beautiful and funny. Jason Segel is hilarious. Chris Cooper makes a great bad guy. And the star cameos are amazing!

Waldorf: Yeah, but what about the Muppets?

Statler: I closed my eyes during those parts.

Waldorf: But the Muppets are in most of the movie. You kept your eyes closed for most of the movie?

Statler: Sure. That's why I liked it so much.

What are you looking forward to in 2012?

Statler: The end of the Mayan Calendar.

Waldorf: Yeah, we were there when they first made it; we want to see how it ends.

Statler: We're also looking forward to changing our socks.

Waldorf: Gee, you're right. It's an even number year. Time sure flies.

Statler: Oh, and we're looking forward to waking up each day and not seeing our names in the obits.

Waldorf: Yeah, when you're as old as us, "Today is the first day of what's left of your life."

Do you have any tips for our readers on how to celebrate the holidays this year?

Statler: Spend the holidays with "The Muppets."

Waldorf: Yeah! And keep 'em away from us!

S&W: Ho! Ho! Ho!

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Taylored abs

Women sighed, men gasped Taylor Lautner's personal trainer Jordan Yuam tells us how to get the 'Breaking Dawn' star's rock-hard abs ROMINA MCGUINNESS

His workout

In order to get Lautner ready for his role as ripped werewolf Jacob, Jordan Yuam, his trainer throughout the entire "Twilight" series, used moves like hanging leg raises and reverse crunches to define his muscles and build up strength. Yuam also integrated yoga poses and a Power Plate machine (www.powerplate.com) to enhance results.

"Taylor's always up for a challenge, he's so focused and disciplined," says Yuam.

When he wasn't filming, Lautner's body fat varied between 10 to 12 percent, but for "Twilight," Yuam would bring it down to 7 percent.

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Wolfing food down

"Taylor isn't naturally big," says Yuam, "so the key to maintaining his frame was to make sure he ate right pre- and postworkout. 'Breaking Dawn' was a challenge, as we had to overlap with his 'Abduction' body for which he was doing a lot of boxing. He was burning a lot of calories and finding it hard to eat enough."

Yuam's diet for the star consisted of healthy fats, carbohydrates and protein.

"He ate simple carbohydrates, such as bananas, to maintain glycogen levels and provide slow energy release throughout the workout, as well as whey protein blended with oatmeal to build muscle. He also ate a lot of red meat."

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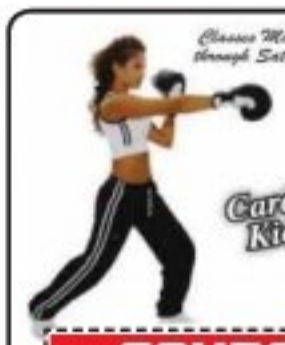

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How to party like a professional

Open bars and all of your co-workers: Holiday parties can be naughty or nice What to do and what not to do

It's never a good time to lament to co-workers about your ex, or go into detail about your wild Friday night, but for some reason — also known as vodka — holiday parties tend to bring out unprofessional behavior. Remember your party etiquette, and you won't have to do damage control come Monday morning.

Party dos:

Mingle with everyone: "Strike up conversations with those outside of your usual circle — especially the 'power brokers' within your company," suggests Christine Endres, the Philadelphia branch manager at hiring firm OfficeTeam. And feel free to venture outside of cubicle chitchat. "Have a few nonwork topics to bring up, such as recent movies you've seen or holiday vacation plans," says Endres.

Dress appropriately: Dressing up is fine, but be sure to keep it classy. "It is a party, but you are still at work," says Jill Spiegel, author of "How to Talk to Anyone About Anything! The Secrets of Connecting." "You want to keep your sense of professionalism."

Party don'ts:

Have that one last drink: This, of course, is the biggest faux pas. A study by Wakefield Research for HomeGoods found that 29 percent of respondents ranked a guest who drinks too much as the deadliest party sin. Overdoing it with friends is one thing, but overdoing it with the boss could be disastrous.

Participate in gossip: Bite your tongue if you must, but don't use this time to badmouth a colleague. And if someone else tries to pull you into the negativity? "Just change the energy and direction of the conversation through compliments and support," says Spiegel.

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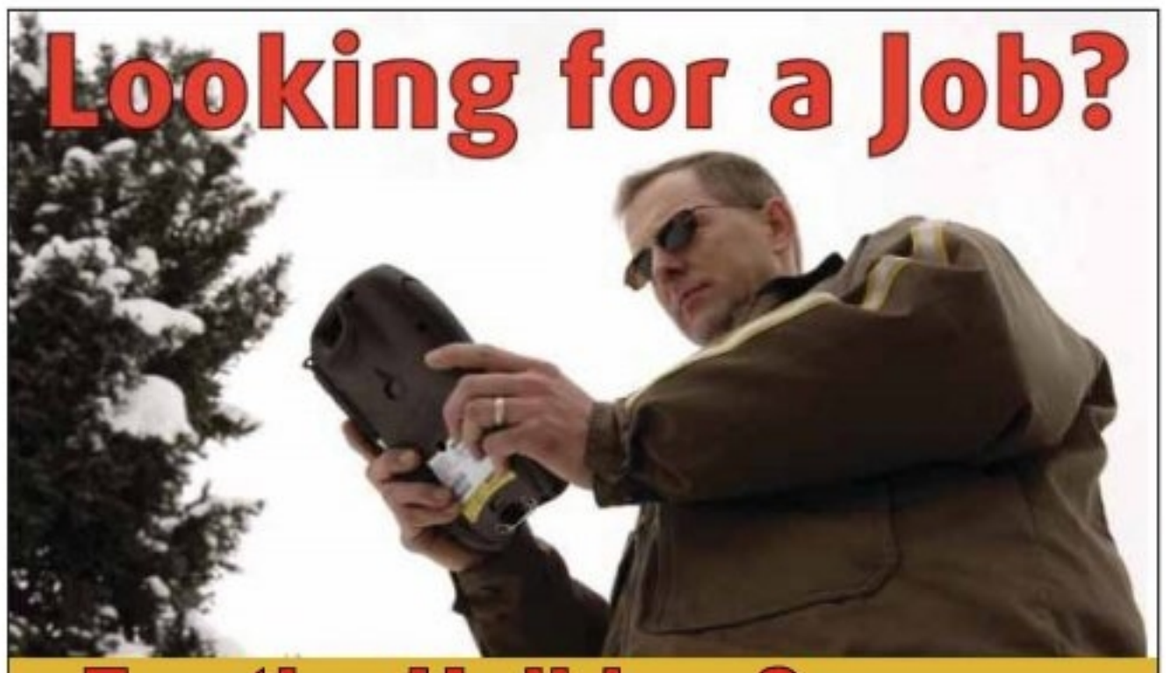

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Popping the right questions

Questions are just as important as answers ◗ What to ask at your next interview to show you're serious about the job ◗ Don't play it safe — it's your opportunity to stand out

At the end of every job interview, you'll encounter the inevitable question, "Do you have any questions for me?"

While it's an oh-so-predictable event, many job candidates aren't prepared to shine when they reach this final test in the interview. Failing to ask any questions or asking the wrong questions can send the wrong signals.

"Too many job seekers respond to this standard interview question with the standard 'safe' responses," says Stephanie Daniel, senior vice president of career management company Keystone Associates. "'Will I be hearing from you or should I contact you?' or 'Why is this position open?' In this very competitive job market, job candidates cannot afford to ask safe questions. Candidates must show that they are the best candidate by demonstrating that they are looking out for the needs and interests of the interviewer."

So, what types of questions should you ask? Daniel suggests considering a few of the following:

"Is there a work issue that keeps you up at night and, given what you know about my background, how do you think I could help?"

"Here's your opportunity to demonstrate a genuine interest in the day-to-day challenges your future manager is facing," Daniel explains. "By asking this question, the interviewer will start to envision you as an employee and will give you some initial thoughts on how you might help solve their most pressing problems."

"What is the most gratifying aspect of the work you do for XYZ company?"

"Asking the interviewer about the most gratifying aspect of the work she or he does helps you better understand what drives them," says Daniel. "Drivers include things like making the best product on the market, helping others, making money, curing an illness or creating a hot, new technology. Ask yourself how the interviewer's drivers align with your own."

"I'm sure you have a number of goals you'd like to achieve in the coming year. Do you have a particular one that is top priority?"

"This question allows you to turn your attention to the interviewer and his most important priorities," says Daniel. "Is there a particular goal the interviewer has talked about that lines up well with some of your current experiences? If so, let the interviewer know how you can contribute."

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STEPHANIE DANIEL

Always ask this:

'Could you describe your ideal candidate for this job? Why are these qualities important to you?'

"The ideal qualifications were probably outlined in the job posting," says Daniel. "But many of these postings are not actually written by the hiring manager. Here's your chance to directly ask the interviewer what he views as the most important qualities of the successful candidate and why."

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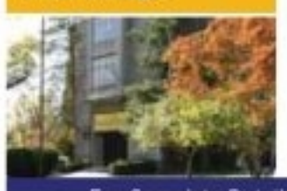

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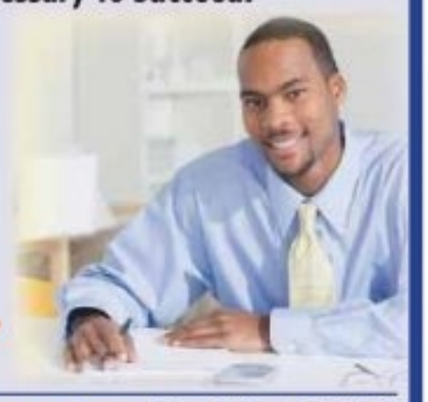

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▶ Yes — Facebook time can count as work when you're looking for a job.

Job seekers turning to Facebook

You would think that job seekers would cling to LinkedIn because it's a professional networking site, while Facebook is more for family and friends. But a new research report from Jobvite says that the opposite is true: 48 percent of job seekers have used Facebook in their job search, while only 26 percent have used LinkedIn. Job seekers are receiving more referrals and have filled out their profiles more completely on Facebook than they do on LinkedIn.

Overall, one in every six workers used social networks to get hired this year. Here are three tips on how to better utilize Facebook to land the job of your dreams:

Focus on your current friends

Instead of trying to build your network on Facebook, try and leverage the relationships you already have. Most job seekers are either too afraid to ask for support or don't want people knowing that they are job searching in the first place. You need to let people know what you're looking for if you want them to help you.

Use professional networking services

Both BranchOut.com and BeKnown are similar to LinkedIn in that they can help you grow your list of contacts through introductions and referrals. The difference is that you can leverage your personal relationships on Facebook in order to get better referrals. Don't avoid LinkedIn either because LinkedIn profiles are searchable in Google and act as your virtual résumé, while Facebook data is blocked from search engines.

Be mindful of your privacy settings

Employers conduct Facebook background checks on candidates during the recruitment process. They want to get a sense for who you are, if you'll fit in the corporate culture and if you're posting anything explicit online. Create a new profile or page for your professional image.

Advice

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Study tips from an expert in test-taking

With finals just around the corner, we checked in with the founder of Educational Connections for how to improve scores and study more efficiently

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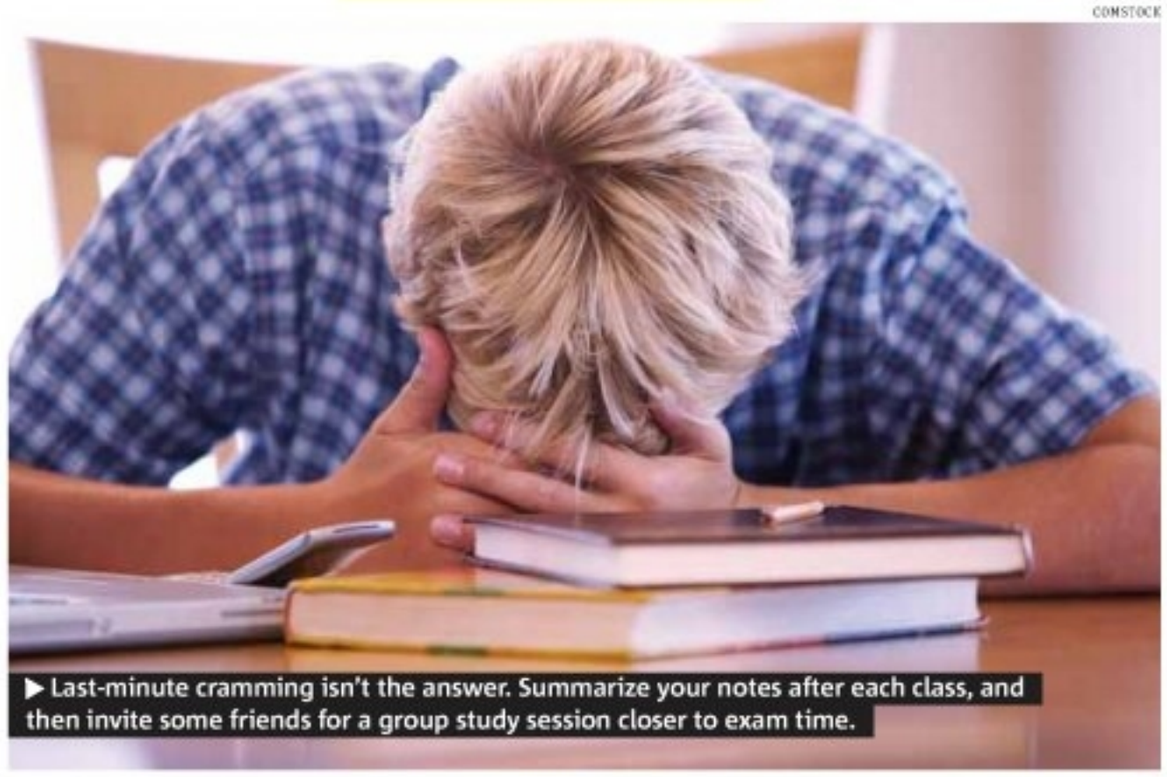

▶ Last-minute cramming isn't the answer. Summarize your notes after each class, and then invite some friends for a group study session closer to exam time.

For most college students in the U.S., the dreaded finals week is just around the corner. For 2011 freshmen, the first time through college level exams can produce anxiety and frustration. Here to help is test-taking expert Ann Dolin. She is the founder of Educational Connections Inc., a tutoring and test-prep provider in Fairfax County, Va.

What's the most common misconception about studying for finals?

Students often think that just reading equals studying. But studying must be interactive. There must be some form of writing involved to truly cement the information to memory.

Are there different concerns for students with ADHD?

One of the problems is that students will often block off two or three hours to study. That's often not productive. No one can sustain attention for three hours, especially a student with ADHD. When studying is broken down into 30-minute chunks, students are far more productive.

What is the easiest thing students can do to improve their scores on finals?

Study after study has shown that when students summarize their notes after class, they're far more likely to remember the material.

What is the benefit of forming study groups?

Among many positives, it gives students a sense of accountability. You tell yourself, "OK, I'm going to put aside this time to study." And if you don't do it, you get mad at yourself. It rides on your shoulders. But if you have a group, you're more accountable. And you're forced to process the information in another way. If you discuss the material with a group, you're far more likely to remember it.

Is there a good strategy for dealing with anxiety during a test?

Yes. Have a notepad handy during the test to write down all of your anxieties. Studies show that this is the most effective way to alleviate anxiety at test time. You simply have to purge the thoughts and emotions.

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Thanks but no thanks: I am beyond tired of people like Brayden Simms who live in a fantasy world and continue to blame Bush for all the problems of the world today! Are you kidding me? Of course you're just like the majority of Americans of today who feel you're entitled to everything even though you don't deserve it! **RUSTY BRINDAMORE, VIA E-MAIL**

Thank you for the past few The Week That Was columns that have been particularly insightful and positive, trying to inspire camaraderie among the general public. As the Occupy movement highlights, maybe the individualist agenda of the United States is not working out. We are all human, we are all Americans, and we deserve a society where we feel supported and inspired by our fellow man, not isolated and attacked. **HEATHER FROST, MANAYUNK**

I thank you for this article. I appreciate the combination of intelligence, compassion, and — where appropriate — irony. **ROBERT B. PIERCE, VIA E-MAIL**

I've never written to Metro but I liked this editorial. I picked up both the Metro and the rival free daily on my commute and was angered by the other plaintively trying to paint a positive picture of police in the wake of recent clashes with protestors. Metro's piece was honest, candid and was the best thing I read in the contents of both of these papers. Thanks! **MERRILL GRANT, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Before launching any new projects, make sure you have finished to your satisfaction everything else on your drawing board. Trouble would ensue if endeavors overlap.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your chances for achieving a critical objective are minimal at best, because once you attain it, you might not know how to keep it going.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Strive to control any impulsive inclinations you might have. If you're undisciplined, it is highly likely that you will repeat some previous mistakes.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If there is a lack of harmony regarding ultimate aims, joint ventures aren't likely to work out too well for you. Before making any moves, make sure everyone is in accord.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Conditions are ripe for establishing a friendship with someone who up until now has always opposed you. Don't miss this opportunity, because you may never get another chance to do so.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Use your resources wisely, be they people or things, and you'll be effective in your efforts to be successful. If you don't, you can count on frequent failures.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Things could get a bit awkward for you when a friend unwittingly brings along someone whom you intensely dislike. It's to your advantage not to do or say anything you'll regret.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Be sure you have the approval of the entire clan if you're contemplating making a change that would affect everybody. If you don't, your efforts could meet with condemnation.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't pretend to know what you're doing if you are placed in a position where it's up to you to approve or disapprove certain procedures. Don't be afraid to seek experienced counsel.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although your financial possibilities look good, your spending habits might negate anything extra you make. What you gain could totally dissipate before your eyes.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When you're free to operate as you choose, success is likely. Be wary of getting yourself in involvements that impede your independence.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There's a chance that you could be inclined to talk about things that should be kept confidential. If misquoted and taken out of context, it could cause trouble. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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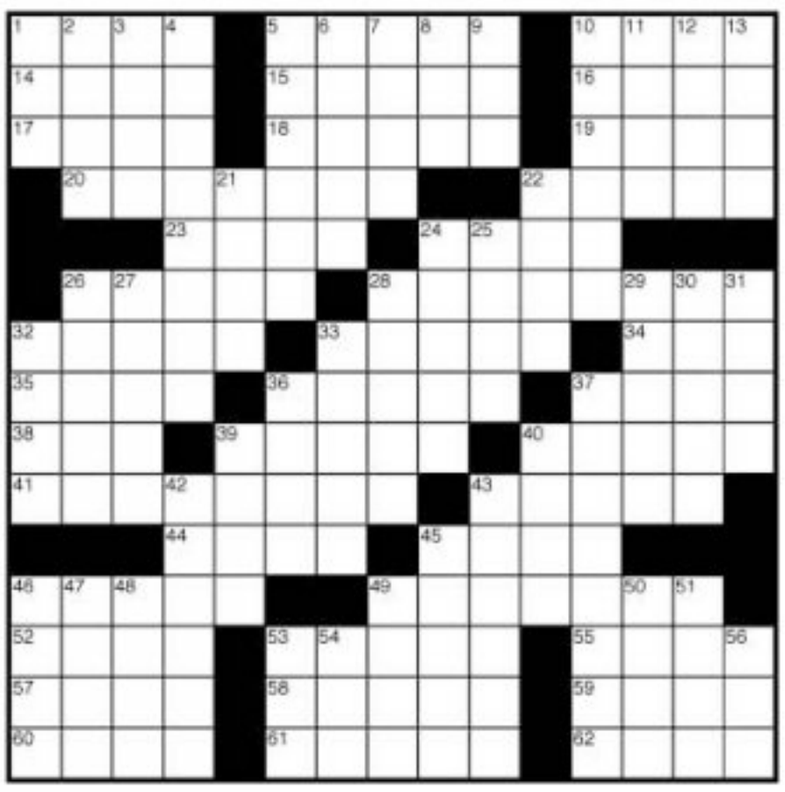

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Fading fast: Brady rips lifeless Eagles

Pats' QB torches listless defense for 361 yards, three TDs Eagles players support the embattled Andy Reid after another home loss Short week on the docket as Birds head west

They started late in the third quarter, after a failed fourth-and-1 play from the Patriots' 2-yard line. As Vince Young's pass sailed out of the reach of Brent Celek, the masses at Lincoln Financial Field started chanting, "Fire Andy."

With a 4-7 record and their playoff chances all but dashed, the pressure is mounted as heavy as it has ever been on Eagles head coach Andy Reid. His players, at least publicly, maintain they still have Reid's back.

"Fans don't understand some of the situations that go on with the game," quarterback Vince Young said. "You can't really put it all on Andy."

A terse Reid sat at the podium, inside his home stadium, once again as a loser following yesterday's 38-20 thumping by New England. It was the eighth time in the last nine home games that he's walked away as the losing coach.

"To sit up here after a game like that, I'm disappointed in a lot of things, starting with myself," Reid said.

Reid's team was especially sloppy against the Patriots, churning out 10 penalties that cost them 60 yards. They also stalled in the red zone (2-for-4) and on third down (4-for-13). Despite the lopsided score, the Eagles actually led 10-0 after the first nine minutes. Then, it quickly turned into a bad dream.

"That's not Eagles football. I'm just being straight out," defensive end Trent Cole said. "I've been here for seven years and I've never had a year like this. This is shocking to me."

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▶ New England dominated Nnamdi Asomugha and the Eagles defense.

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3 things we saw ...

1 Where was Shady? — It's the question that gets asked after every Eagles loss: Why wasn't LeSean McCoy more involved in the offense? The NFL's leading rusher touched the ball just six times in the first half. On a crucial drive late in the second quarter, from inside the 5-yard line, Andy Reid called three straight passes before settling for a field goal. McCoy finished with 10 carries for 31 yards and a TD.

2 Second that emotion — The Eagles entered Sunday's game with huge injury concerns in their secondary and decided to give Brandon Hughes his first NFL start with Nnamdi Asomugha (knee) ailing. But it really didn't matter who was back in coverage for the Eagles, as QB Tom Brady carved them up like a Thanksgiving turkey. Asomugha, Hughes and nickel corner Joselio Hanson were all exposed and safety Nate Allen probably had his worst game as an Eagle.

3 Play calling — Andy Reid made a lot of questionable play calls. From abandoning the run game to using Chad Hall in key spots, fans had every right to call for the coach's playbook. But Reid's decision to call a jump-ball for tight end Brent Celek on a fourth-and-1 — midway through the third quarter, trailing 31-13 — was inexcusable. Vince Young's pass didn't even stay inbounds.

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Butterfingers for DeSean lead to second benching

- Wideout punished after two dropped touchdowns
- Jackson caught four balls for 73 yards in 38-20 loss

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▶ DeSean Jackson was plagued by drops against the Pats.

As much as DeSean Jackson doesn't want to be a distraction, he is quickly becoming Andy Reid's biggest roadblock.

Two weeks after being benched for missing a team meeting, Jackson was benched again. This time Reid sat Jackson down in the fourth quarter, after the receiver dropped two would-be touchdowns.

While Reid wouldn't confirm the benching, Jackson didn't sugarcoat it.

"It was the decision that was made. As a player, I just have to live with it," he said.

LeSean McCoy said that he and Jackson talked about it on the sideline.

"He had a bad game, nobody's perfect," McCoy said. "I don't know if that's why he was benched or not, but he didn't play well. He knew it. You fight through it."

Jackson has been lobbying for a long-term contract with the Eagles since last season — without much progress. Despite hauling in four balls for 73 yards against the Patriots, Jackson's two end-zone drops — a 4-yarder late in the second and a 49-yard bomb in the third — earned him a seat on the bench.

"Things happen sometimes. It wasn't one of my best games," Jackson said.

"We all have to do a little better," Reid said, when asked about Jackson.

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Syracuse fires Fine as molestation case grows

- Longtime Jim Boeheim assistant dismissed amidst abuse investigation
- Laurie Fine acknowledges husband's crimes in telephone recording

The Syracuse scandal got a lot uglier yesterday and it didn't take long for the school to react.

Associate head coach Bernie Fine, who has been accused of molesting at least two former Syracuse ball boys, was fired last night.

"At the direction of Chancellor [Nancy] Cantor, Bernie Fine's employment with Syracuse University has been terminated, effective immediately," Senior Vice President for Public Affairs Kevin Quinn said in a statement.

It came out yesterday that Fine's wife, Laurie, was recorded on telephone in 2002 admitting to knowing of her husband's contact with former ball boy Bobby Davis, according to transcripts released by ESPN's "Outside the Lines." Davis claims Fine molested him over a pattern of years while he worked for the Orange.

Not only does Laurie Fine admit to knowing of her husband's "issues," but also reveals she had an affair with Davis when he was 18.

"I know everything that went on, you know," Laurie Fine says on the call.

"I know everything that went on with him. Bernie has issues, maybe that he's not aware of, but he has issues." MARK OSBORNE

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▶ The scandal in Syracuse cost Bernie Fine his job.

NCAA hoops

Villanova drops second straight

It's safe to say that Villanova can't wait to return to the East Coast.

Two days after losing to Saint Louis in the semifinals of the 76 Classic in Anaheim, Calif., the Wildcats let a late lead slip away in the third place game. They fell to Santa Clara yesterday, 65-64.

Villanova (4-2) led the game 64-61 with eight seconds left. The lead was cut to one after two free throws from Santa Clara (4-2). After JayVaughn Pinkston missed the front end of a one-and-one, Santa Clara put the game away with two foul shots with four seconds to play. Maalik Wayns' desperation three-pointer as time expired was off the mark.

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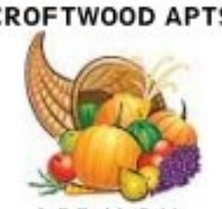

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Tesla shows off electric car

Tesla put its vehicle technology on display this weekend, with prototypes of the new Model S Beta electric sedan appearing in stores around the U.S. and Canada.

The model is the first mass-market electric car produced by the company, whose headquarters are in Palo Alto, Calif. The first Model S Beta units will be on the streets in 2012 and the company has taken orders for more than 6,500 preorders, selling out completely.

What makes the Model S different from the company's Roadster, is that it looks like a regular sedan and seats seven. It's also priced like a normal car, starting at about $49,000. REUTERS

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Losing grip, Toyota goes for some speed

Toyota introduced its new 86 coupe this weekend, betting that the 200-horsepower sportscar will widen the automaker's appeal beyond its best-selling Camry sedan and Prius hybrid.

The 86 will be available starting spring 2012, the Japan-based company said. Pricing details will be released closer to the sale date.

Toyota, poised to lose the title of world's largest automaker to General Motors is renewing a push for sportscars under Akio Toyoda, who became president in June 2009. The carmaker is hoping the new model will burnish its image that's been battered by recalls and production interrupted by a record earthquake and flooding in Thailand.

"Toyota's cars are traditionally seen as not fun," said Takayuki Kinoshita, a racing enthusiast and author of 'Akio Toyoda's Character: The Rebirth of Toyota.' "It may change Toyota's image among drivers."

Toyoda touts the role of racing in car development and has taken part in 24-hour endurance events. Under his leadership, the carmaker's luxury Lexus division rolled out the Lexus LFA $375,000 supercar.

The 86 extends Toyota's lineage of racing machines that date back to its first supercar, the 2000GT, which was featured in the 1967 James Bond movie, "You Only Live Twice." BLOOMBERG

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▶ The 86 will be available starting in spring 2012. No prices have been released.

'Fast and Furious'

Other sportscars that Toyota has discontinued include the Supra, built between 1986 and 2002 and featured in the 2001 racing movie "The Fast and the Furious," the MR-S roadster that ended production in 2007, and the Celica, made between 1970 and 2006.

While sports models traditionally contribute little to sales volume and profit, Kinoshita says Toyota's 86 may appeal to different types of customers: young drivers new to the series, and men in their 50s who used to drive its previous incarnation, the AE86 Corolla.

"To keep cars exciting and fun, it's necessary to have sportscars in our lineup," Toyoda, in full-body racing suit, said. "I want this car to create more driving fans."

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Good news: The Porsche 911 hasn't lost its soul.

To those of us who love cars, that's neither an academic nor a hippy-dippy consideration. Around for almost a half century, the 911 Carrera is the uber sportscar, a distillation of all a Germanic screamer should be.

An all-new generation of the 911 comes around very infrequently, so it is with little wonder that fans hold their breath. It's like hearing that Scotland's Old Course at St. Andrews is being redesigned. You don't want a classic to get ruined.

This is the longest, largest 911 ever produced, so there was some question of the purity of its soul.

Big does not equal sporty. And it gained all kinds of fancy technology, which can be like the difference between a vinyl album and an MP3 file. The latter is easy to use, but it lacks the warbling warmth of the former.

The engine has always been in the rear, which makes little engineering sense. The balance is all wrong. Yet in Porsche's lovable, profoundly obstinate way, they didn't shuck the whole thing decades ago. They just kept on improving it.

With every new generation, you can count on two things: The car will be faster and it will be more expensive.

The new Carrera S will bullet to 60 mph in 4.1 seconds. The privilege will set you back $97,350. Even the base 911 will cost $83,050, and expect many cars on the lot to carry $15,000 in options.

After a day rubbing raw a set of 20-inch tires (the new, rather awesome standard on the S model), I was left with one solid impression: I want one. Insane price be darned. Penny pinching begins today.

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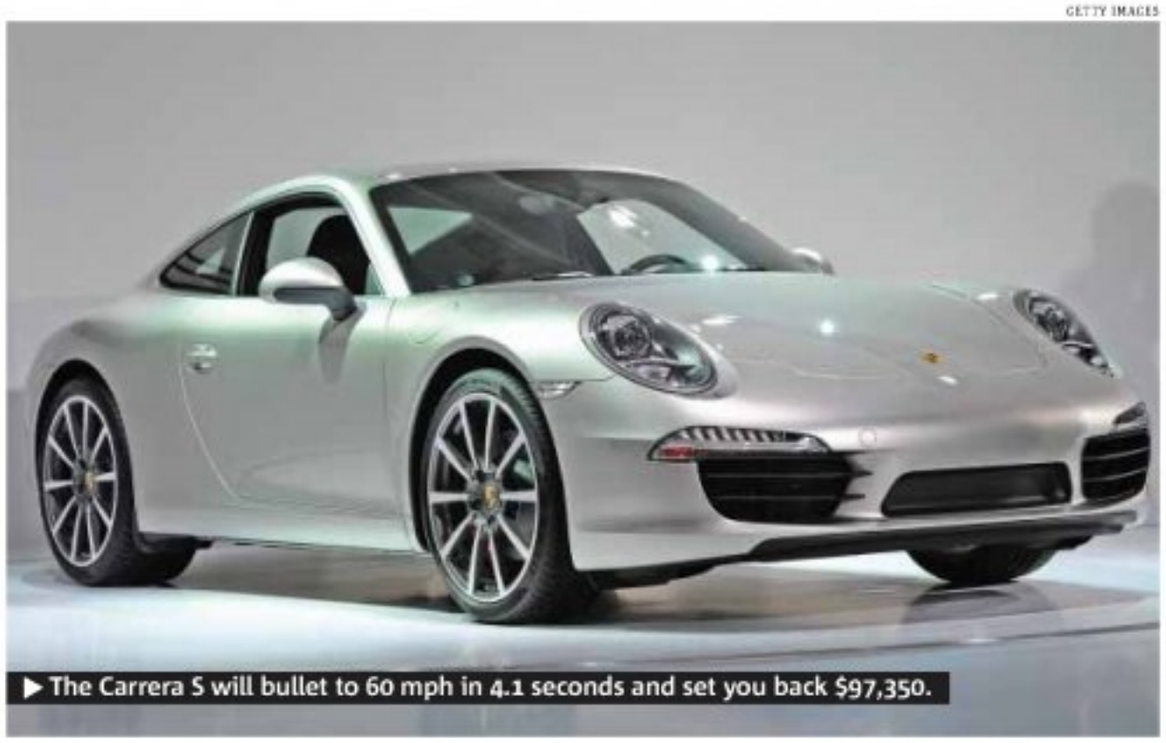

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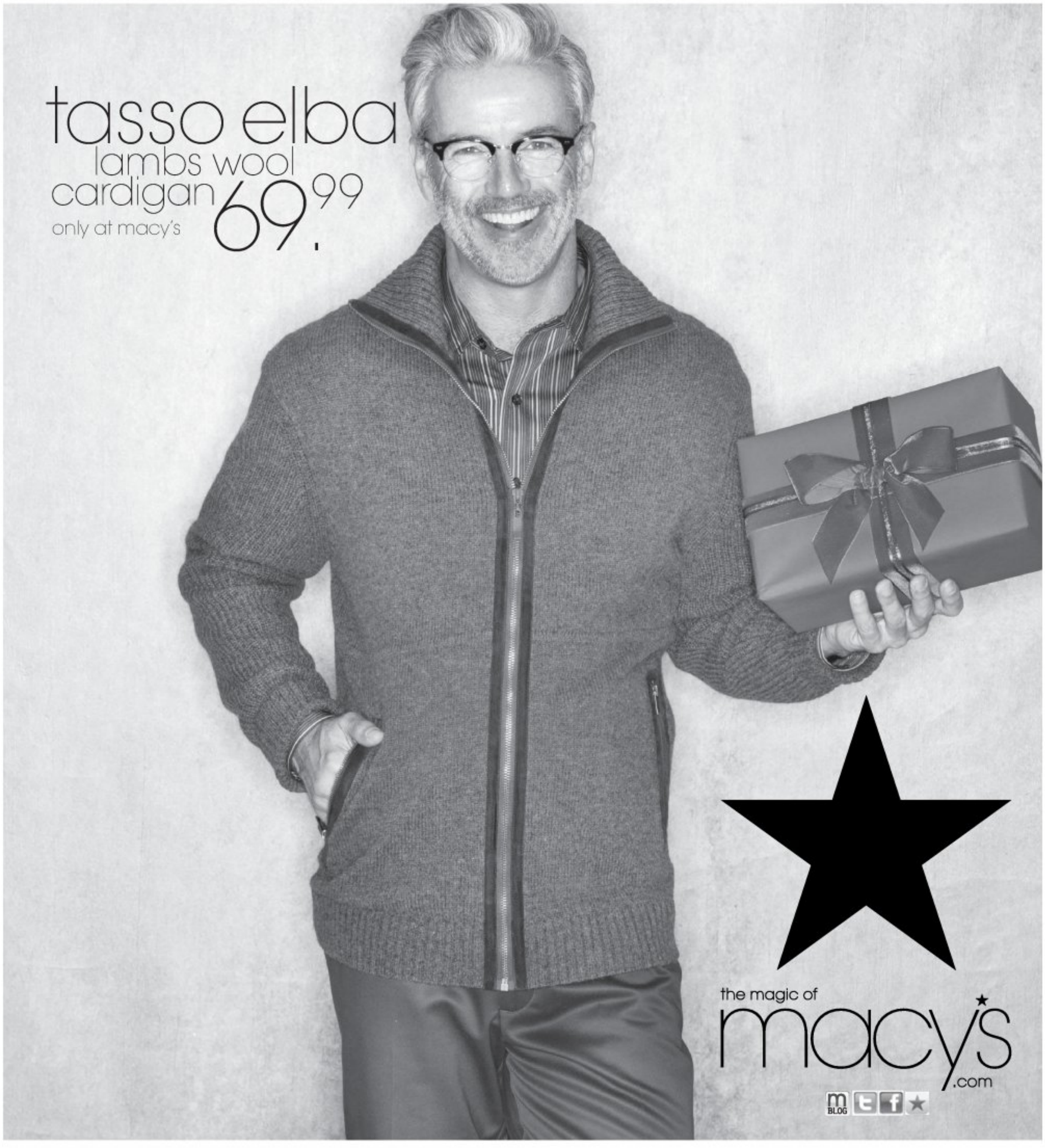

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